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I have a fix on a BC-610 transmitter. I haven't seen it yet, but understand it's pretty rough. Any ideas on what the thing might be worth, in case I want to make an offer.

Also

now where an 20-meter-only SSB xcvr (Heath HW-32, I think) is, and a Siltronix 10-11 meter xcvr. Both are boatanchors. Any ideas on value?

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Subject: More on ceasation of maritime code

The following appeared in this week's edition of Amateur Radio Newsline.

Jeff NH6IL

*****Begin Included Article*****

NO OCEAN CODE

And speaking of no-code, another of the reasons that proponents of the mode point to, emergency communications at sea is going away. An article in the July issue of Ocean Voice magazine says that the United States Coast Guard will be terminating all weather and other broadcasts that use Morse Code as of July 1st, 1995.

With the advent of the INMARSAT maritime communications and distress satellite system, the dependence on ocean going terrestrial communications has been steadily declining. As a result, in 1993 the Coast Guard closed down its famed 500 KHz distress calling frequency watch that had been monitored by the service for over seventy years.

Now, all other Morse Code services of the Coast Guard are going away. And, as a result, its more than likely that there will soon be little in the way of high frequency communications on board sea going vessels. For the many ham radio operators who have devoted their time to monitoring for Morse Code maritime emergency calls on the high frequency bands it means that the need for their knowledge of the code and their services as emergency communications providers is quickly coming to an end.

*****End Included Article*****

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Subject: Re: Slow day at Elk Horn, NE

>He said he was on duty, and things were slow.

I heard this guy working W1AW!! I guess they can go just about anywhere with these radios.

This is probably the remote xmit site for Offut AFB. They have an awesome capability. This net used to be called GIANT TALK, and you can hear why. When they open up on 8 frequencies at once, you can usually hear all of them, day or night, and usually 11176 and 8967 have echoes from other xmtrs! These people can get the word out!

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"Skyking, skyking, do not answer. Message, Alpha five Hotel, time three six.."

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<...could get the word out...>

Yes. For a while, "Giant Talk" was the core of the nuclear launch and

execution system. Anyone remember the movie "Fail safe"? A lot of people got scared by this movie, for it outlined a scenario where someone could send a nuclear strike force that couldn't be called back if radio contact was lost. In actuality, the reverse concept prevailed. The force could be launched, but only the airplane force, and they could not proceed past a certain point unless they *received* a radio instruction. It was the true fail safe system. If radio contact failed, they simply flew out their time and returned without releasing any nuclear power...

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Subject: Tube-Type Oscilloscope Wanted

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I am looking for a tube-type oscilloscope with leads for the vertical plates brought out of the case. This is necessary for alignment of older phasing-type transmitters.

My newer transistorized scope won't do it; I believe that the old Heath scope had this capability. Probably any old tube-type scope can be modified to make these leads available.

Thanks. Hal K4GFI/7 halwaite@netcom.com